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- 1) An Official Action dated March 4, 2003 from the JPO;
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- 3) JP laid-open 8-16585;
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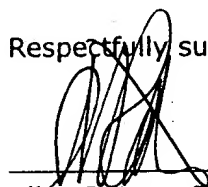
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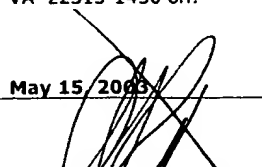
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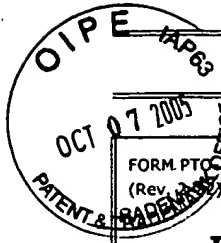
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